

[English]

UGC Office at Bangalore

2491. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Universities in Southern States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the Southern Universities have to go all the way to Delhi to get various clearances and other matters;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to open the Regional Office of University Grants Commission at Bangalore; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Regional Office of UGC is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) The number of Universities in Southern States which are eligible to receive grants from UGC is as under :

Andhra Pradesh	8
Karnataka	7
Kerala	4
Pondicherry	1
Tamil Nadu	10

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Deemed Universities

2492. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the deemed Universities in the country;

(b) the criteria adopted in giving recognition to the deemed Universities; and

(c) the details of the controlling authority with regard to the deemed Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) There are 38 deemed to be universities in the country.

(b) The Central Government on the advice of the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 3

of the UGC Act, 1956, confers 'deemed to be university' status to any institution of higher education by issuing Notification in the official Gazette.

The UGC has prescribed a set of guidelines for considering such proposals from the institutions. The main points which are kept in view by the UGC while processing such proposals, are as follows :

(i) The applicant Institute must be an independent Registered Society or Trust to have an independent entity of its own.

(ii) The Institute must have minimum 5 years of functioning at the time of making the proposal.

(iii) The Institute must be engaged in teaching and research in chosen field of specialization and should have innovative programmes which should be of very high academic standards.

(iv) The management should be prepared to provide a minimum of Rs. 40.00 lakhs per annum recurring grant.

(v) The management should create a corpus funds of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in respect of Scientific Institution and Rs. 25.00 lakhs in case it is imparting education in Social Sciences.

(vi) The concurrence of the State Government as well as that of the affiliating university must be obtained for consideration of the proposal by the UGC.

In so far as institutions imparting education in the fields of Engineering, Technology, Management, Pharmacy etc. are concerned, the proposal is required to be submitted to the All India Council for Technical Education for examination in the first instance, as provided for in the AICTE Act. AICTE have also prescribed a separate set of guidelines for considering such proposals.

(c) Deemed Universities are governed as per provisions in their Memorandum of Association and Rules which are approved by the UGC.

[Translation]

Sickel Cell Disease

2493. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALE :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "AIDS Say Bhi Ghatak 'Sickel Cell' Ka Taji Sey Vistaar" appearing in 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated October 31, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto.